

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE
GREENLEAF CREEK AQUATIC HABITAT RESTORATION PLAN**

**DECISION RECORD DOCUMENTATION AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Environmental Assessment No. OR-090-02-13

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Coast Range Resource Area, Eugene District, Bureau of Land Management, has completed an Aquatic Habitat Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) for aquatic habitat restoration projects in the Greenleaf Creek drainage, western Lane County, Oregon.

The design features of the Proposed Action and Alternatives are described in the Environmental Assessment OR-090-02-13. Project work would improve the quality of aquatic and riparian habitat in Greenleaf Creek and tributaries. Based on extensive experience with similar work in the Siuslaw River Basin, in other Oregon coast streams, and evaluation of similar project work, no significant adverse impacts are expected to: Flood plains or wetland/riparian areas, wilderness values, cultural resources, prime or unique farmland, wild and scenic rivers, air quality, Native American religious concerns, low income or minority populations, water quality or noxious weeds.

On the basis of information contained in the EA, and all other information available to me, I have determined that the Alternatives analyzed will not have significant environmental impacts not already addressed in the Eugene District Resource Management Plan and Record Of Decision, and do not constitute a major Federal action affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement or supplement to the existing Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary and will not be prepared for this proposal.

DECISION

Based on the analysis documented in the Environmental Assessment (EA) OR-090-02-13 and the Finding of No Significant Impact it is my decision to select the Proposed Action. Implementation of this action will result in improvement of aquatic habitat in Greenleaf Creek through barrier culvert rehabilitation, riparian vegetation restoration and placement of habitat structure. Implementation is to occur over a six year period beginning in 2002.

DECISION RATIONAL

The Proposed Action was selected because it best meets the purpose of the action as described in the EA. The Proposed Action provides for the most improvement in aquatic habitat for resident and anadromous aquatic species. Both the No Action Alternative and Alternative 2 provide for an improvement in aquatic habitat but to a lesser extent and over a longer period of time. The proposed action and alternatives are in conformance with the *Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl, April 1994 (ROD)* , and the *Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, June 1995 (Eugene District ROD/RMP)* as amended by the *Record of Decision for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines, USDA Forest Service and*

USDI Bureau of Land Management January 2001.

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

The Programmatic Biological Opinion addressing this proposal related to Federally listed or proposed terrestrial animals was received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on April 4, 2002. Because of the potential for audio disturbance to marbled murrelets, and spotted owls during the critical nesting period, this proposed action for marbled murrelets and spotted owls is a "May Affect, Likely to Adversely Affect" call. There would be no affect to the bald eagle.

The proposed actions are consistent with the description and terms and conditions under the Programmatic Biological *Assessment and Biological Opinion for Ongoing USDA Forest Service and USDI Bureau of Land Management Activities Affecting Oregon Coast Range Province, Oregon* for the Oregon Coast coho salmon and designated "Critical Habitat" issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) - June 4, 1999 and extended on December 21, 2001 (OSB2001-0217-PC-RI).

All required sensitive species clearances have been completed. In the event a Special Status or Survey and Manage species is found during the implementation of the restoration project, the appropriate mitigation or project modifications would occur.

No cultural resources have been identified in the actual project action locations.

The enhancement work proposed in this EA would be performed under conditions described in the renewal fill permit (FP-23692) issued on June 19, 2001 by the Oregon Department of State Lands.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Both the EA and preliminary FONSI were advertised on (April 17, 2002) in the Eugene Register-Guard as being available for a 15-day public review period. Copies of the EA and preliminary FONSI were mailed to interested individuals on our mailing list. No comments were received.

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